

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Eichen et al.

**Application No.:** 09/674,090

**Confirmation No.:** 1528

**Filed:** March 1, 2001

**For:** DETECTION OF A TARGET IN A  
SAMPLE BY MEASURING CONDUCTANCE  
OF A SUBSTANCE GROWN FROM  
NUCLEATION CENTER-FORMING  
MOIETIES

**Group:** 1637

**Examiner:** Suchira Pande

**Our File:** RCP-PT009

**Date:** February 17, 2009

**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Reply responds Office Action dated August 15, 2008 and is filed with a petition for an appropriate extension of time and fees. The reply deadline, February 15, 2009, fell on a Sunday and the following Monday, February 16, 2009, was a Federal Holiday. This reply is timely filed on February 17, 2009.

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: